

The Star Spangled Banner: Additional Verses



The original Star-Spangled Banner, the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the song that would become our national anthem, is among the most treasured artifacts in the collections of the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.

http://www.si.edu/Encyclopedia_SI/nmah/starflag.htm

**On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of
the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence
reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the
towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half
discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's
first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the
stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner! Oh long may it
wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the
brave!**

**And where is that band who so vauntingly
swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's
confusion,
A home and a country should leave us no
more!**

**Their blood has washed out their foul foot
steps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the
grave:
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth
wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the
brave!**

**Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the war's
desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n
rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and
preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is
just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall
wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the
brave!**